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REMARKS:

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 13 November 1952, a 57-mm AA gun drawn by six soldiers and truck [] were seen in the Franz Josef Kaserns in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). The road block at the Boetzendorf Strasse - Schiesstattring fork was guarded in the morning by a sentry with black epaulets and, in the afternoon, by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. [] about 40 to 50 soldiers in the barracks installation west of Schiesstattring and about 200 soldiers either individually or in small groups in the town but no units marching in formation. Most of the officers and EM had red-bordered black epaulets and a small number had black-bordered red or unbordered black epaulets. A colonel with black-bordered red epaulets was senior officer. Some officers had tank insignia and eight, including a captain, wore red-bordered green collar patches on their overcoats. Truck [] coming from the southern section of the town went toward the barracks installation on Schiesstattring. Motor vehicles going from the barracks installation toward the town included jeep [] and driving school truck [] with nine trainees. The drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Sedan [] was also seen. Truck [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets went southward. About 25 soldiers with unbordered black epaulets reconditioned the trench walls in the municipal forest west of the barracks installation, while 11 officers with gold epaulets received instruction and a lieutenant and five soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets trained on a gun.

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2. On 14 November 1952, two jeeps, trucks [redacted] were parked in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne in St. Poelten. Nine trucks and four tank trucks were parked in the Eugen and Rainer Kaserne. Sedan [redacted] entered the yard of the kommandatura at 37 Linzer Strasse. Truck [redacted] went to the Altersheim which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The driver wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four trucks [redacted] were parked outside the garage of the former District court which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the building on Werner Strasse.

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3. On 14 November 1952, two weapon carriers and 12 trucks were observed in Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten. Motor vehicles [redacted] included jeeps [redacted] and truck [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
4. On 15 November 1952 [redacted] only the sentries at the two guarded camp entrances. One sentry had red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] An officer and a soldier both with red-bordered black epaulets and another soldier wearing unbordered black epaulets with lightning-flash clusters left the camp. Truck [redacted] with three soldiers wearing unbordered black epaulets headed for St. Poelten. 25X1
5. On 15 November 1952, eight trucks [redacted] one six-wheel van-like truck and a two-wheel box-type trailer which [redacted] carried a generator, were seen in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne in St. Poelten. Two antennas were on the roof of the six-wheel truck. One of these antennas was in the front and was about 350 cm high. It was guyed to the ground by three ropes. The other was about 200 cm high and was in the rear. The latter one was not guyed. Five sedans [redacted] were seen in the garden of the komendatura at 37 Linzer Strasse. Motor traffic from and/or to Camp Spratzern included truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, sedan [redacted] occupied by an officer with red-bordered epaulets. [redacted] truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black service color, and truck [redacted] with an officer wearing red-bordered epaulets. 25X1
1. Comment. This information reveals no new details on the occupation of St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern. The motor vehicle [redacted] belong to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. 25X1

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